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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 369

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Commerce
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Agency
✓ Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Director, Office of Emergency Planning

Subject: Assignment of Highest National Priority to the
SENTINEL Program

In response to the recommendation by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the President, under authority granted by the Defense Production Act of 1950, today established the SENTINEL Program as being in the highest national priority category.

The President also noted removal of the following programs from the top national priority list: Bomb Demo, 750 lb.; Bomb 2000 lb., MK 84 Mod 1; Rocket, 2.75"; Cartridge, 60 mm, HE; DEFENDER; and CENTAUR.

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

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NSC review(s) completed.

DOE review completed.

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SENTINEL PROGRAM

att. to DDST-1417-68

Defense system which will use highly advanced radar interceptor missiles to destroy in flight warheads of attacking ballistic missiles during the period of the 1970s and 80s. It is being designed to be integrated into the Continental Air Defense Command family weapons system and to have growth potential to provide for more protection from sophisticated attacks. The initial operational capability of this system is scheduled for October 1972.

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